

## Michigan Water Cabinet Meetings

### Background

The Water Cabinet is a group of diverse stakeholders that informed the development of the Water Strategy. The Cabinet continues to provide advice and input on implementation priorities, discuss implementation efforts, identify opportunities for collaboration and assess and evaluate progress achieved. Meetings of the Water Cabinet and state agencies are open to interested parties with meeting agendas and minutes posted to the Water Strategy web site.

### Members

**Brad Jensen**, Huron Pines

**Rich Bowman**, Michigan Chapter of the Nature Conservancy

**Mike Kelly**, The Conservation Fund/Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network

**Joe Bush**, Ottawa County Drain Commissioner

**David Armstrong**, GreenStone Farm Credit Services

**Laura Campbell**, Michigan Farm Bureau

**Becky Ewing**, Rotary Charities of Traverse City

**Lisa Brush**, Stewardship Network

**Dr. Jan Stevenson**, Michigan State University

**Karlyn Wickham**, Michigan Water Environment Association

**Gildo Tori**, Ducks Unlimited

**Meghan Swain**, Michigan Association for Local Public Health

**Brad Garmon**, Michigan Environmental Council

**Tim Neumann**, Michigan Rural Water Association

**Dennis West**, Northern Initiatives

**Marc Smith**, National Wildlife Federation

**Guy Williams**, G.O. Williams and Associates

**Sue F. McCormick**, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

**Marcy Hamilton**, Southwest Michigan Planning Group

Representatives from each of the 12 federally recognized tribal governments are also invited to attend each meeting of the Water Cabinet.

## **Water Cabinet Draft Agenda**

### **Water Strategy Implementation: Reflecting Back and Looking Forward**

Con Con Room  
Constitution Hall, Atrium  
Lansing, Michigan

Webinar Access: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7681838431477751555>

Introductions/Welcome, Jon Allan, Office of the Great Lakes

- 9:15 a.m. Meeting Purpose and Goals, Emily Finnell, OGL
- 9:20 a.m. 2017 Accomplishments, Emily Finnell, OGL
- Water Strategy Annual Report
  - Water Strategy Survey
- 9:30 a.m. Highlights on Water Strategy Partner 2017 Projects and Initiatives
- Water School, Mary Bohling, Michigan Sea Grant
  - Saginaw Bay Water Strategy, Charlie Bauer, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
  - Northeast Michigan Initiatives, Brad Jensen, Huron Pines
  - Huron River Economic Assessment, Elizabeth Riggs, Huron River Watershed Council
  - Wild Rice Initiative, Matt Preisser, OGL and Katherine Kruse, DEQ
  - Great Lakes Community Foundations Water Initiative, Jill Steiner, Public Sector Consultants
  - Other Water Cabinet Member Updates
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:50 a.m. State Agency Strategic Opportunities for Impact in 2018 and Stakeholder Collaboration
- Development of a Statewide Sanitary Septic Code, Jeremy Hoeh, Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division
  - Phosphorus Reduction in Western Lake Erie Basin, Jim Johnson, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
  - Sustainable Funding for Water Resources Programs, Sylvia Renteria, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Budget Officer/Amy Epkey Deputy Director, Office of Administration
  - Institutionalizing the Water Strategy, Jon Allan, OGL
- 11:20 a.m. Water Cabinet Member Priorities and Projects for 2018 - Roundtable Discussion
- 11:50 a.m. Next Steps
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn